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Dear Colleagues,

As many of you are aware, annual funding for part of the Government expires on December 21, 2018.

Prudent management requires the proper preparation for all contingencies, including the possibility that a lapse in appropriated funding could occur. EPA's [Contingency Plan for Shutdown](#) calls for the agency to assess whether there are sufficient carryover funds to operate for a period of time in the event of a lapse in funding and a government shutdown. We have done that assessment and determined that EPA has sufficient carryover funds to operate for a limited period of time.

EPA will remain open the week of December 24, 2018 in the event of a government shutdown. All EPA employees should follow their planned schedule for this week, including the holidays on both December 24 and 25, 2018. Should the shutdown remain in place through December 28, 2018, we will provide further updates on the agency's operating status.

Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and patience through this process, and for all that you do for the EPA and the American people.

Acting Administrator  
Andrew Wheeler